

Application No. 10/582,873
Preliminary Amendment

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A packaged beverage, comprising ~~of pH 2 to 6 with a~~
green tea extract ~~mixed therein~~, comprising the following ingredients (A) to (E):

(A) from 0.01 to 1.0 wt% of non-polymer catechins,

(B) quinic acid or a salt thereof,

(C) from 0.0001 to 15 wt% of a sweetener,

(D) from 0.001 to 0.5 wt% of sodium ions, and

(E) from 0.001 to 0.2 wt% of potassium ions,

wherein:

the beverage has a pH of from 2 to 6;

a content weight ratio [(B)/(A)] of ~~said~~ the quinic acid or salt thereof (B) to ~~said~~ the
non-polymer catechins (A) is from 0.0001 to 0.5; and

a content of oxalic acid is not greater than 0.06 in terms of a weight ratio to said non-
polymer catechins (A).

Claim 2 (Cancelled)

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The packaged beverage according to ~~claim 1 or~~
2claim 1, wherein ~~said~~ the beverage is a non-tea-based beverage.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The packaged beverage according to ~~any one of~~
~~claims 1-3~~ claim 1, ~~which has a~~ wherein the pH of ~~is~~ from 2 to 5.

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Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The packaged beverage according to ~~any one of~~
~~claims 1-4~~claim 1, wherein ~~said the~~ green tea extract as a raw material is ~~one~~ obtained by
adjusting a concentrate of green tea extract, ~~said the~~ concentrate comprising from 20 to 90
wt% of non-polymer catechins based on a solid content thereof, such that ~~said the~~ content
weight ratio [(B)/(A)] of ~~said the~~ quinic acid or salt thereof (B) to ~~said the~~ non-polymer
catechins (A) falls within a range of from 0.0001 to 0.16.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The packaged beverage according to ~~any one of~~
~~claims 1-5~~claim 1, wherein ~~said the~~ sweetener (C) is an artificial sweetener.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The packaged beverage according to ~~any one of~~
~~claims 1-6~~claim 1, ~~which is in such~~ wherein the beverage is in a form that permitting
ingestion of at least 300 mg of non-polymer catechins ~~can be ingested per day~~.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The packaged beverage according to ~~any one of~~
~~claims 1-7~~claim 1, ~~which is filled~~ wherein the beverage is provided in a clear container.